

# State of Washington

## Activity Summary By Agency

**Agency: Dept of Services for the Blind****2001-03 Biennium Estimated Expenditures**

		<b><u>General Fund</u></b>			<b><u>Annual</u></b>
		<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs</u></b>
<b>Activity / Function:</b>	Agency Management/Administrative Support Services	\$747,187	\$2,830,999	\$3,578,186	13.3
<b>Statewide Category:</b> Government Administration and Support					
<b>Purpose:</b>	These funds and staff provide administrative support and management to the Department of Services to the Blind. Included are the Office of the Director, which provides staff services for the Department's Advisory Council, as well as budget and accounting services, personnel, training, data processing, business services, and essential support to agency programs.				
<b>Activity / Function:</b>	Employment and Adaptive Skills for Visually Impaired Adults	\$2,639,004	\$8,545,070	\$11,184,074	56.6
<b>Statewide Category:</b> Social Services and Income Maintenance					
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Department of Services for the Blind promotes the economic and social independence of people who are blind or visually impaired through employment, training, and other opportunities. Vocational rehabilitation is the Department's statewide program to assist adults with visual disabilities in preparing for, entering and retaining employment, especially competitive employment. Vocational rehabilitation services include assessment, vocational and adjustment counseling, basic and adaptive skills training, assistive technology services, occupational training, job placement and related services. This program includes an Orientation and Training Center in Seattle which serves participants from around the state who need intensive adaptive skills training in a residential setting. The Department also assists families of blind children, provides technical assistance to school districts, assists blind students aged 14-21 to transition to adult living, and provides services to elderly blind citizens to enable them to remain independent.				
<b>Activity / Function:</b>	Food Service Operations in State Buildings	\$0	\$1,793,000	\$1,793,000	2.0
<b>Statewide Category:</b> Social Services and Income Maintenance					
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Vending Facility Program is an employment program authorized by the federal Randolph Sheppard Act of 1936 for people who are legally blind. Both federal and state law give preference to qualified, legally blind persons for the opportunity to operate food facilities in publicly-owned buildings. The Department's staff assists vendors by providing informative training programs, establishing and maintaining facilities, providing essential equipment, initial consumable stocks and cash, and continuous professional guidance.				
<b>Total Reported:</b>	3	TOTALS	\$3,386,191	\$13,169,069	\$16,555,260 71.9